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FROM LEWIS FOR BOEKER, DALE AND MYERSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNCTAD, UR, US, PFOR, EGEN

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETING WITH NESTERENKO

REF: A) STATE 110087 (NOTAL); B) MOSCOW 7205 (NOTAL); C)  
MOSCOW 7215 (NOTAL)

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP DEPUTY SECRETARY'S BILATERAL  
WITH SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV MAY 7 WITH  
REGARD TO UNCTAD AND OTHER NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES. SOVIETS  
HAVE PROBED FOR AN INVITATION TO WASHINGTON FOR NESTERENKO  
FOR ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS WITH IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS  
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PARALLEL TO HIS REGULAR ANNUAL DISCUSSIONS ON UN AFFAIRS

WITH ISRAELYAN. ISRAELYAN STATES THAT HE IS NOT COMPETENT TO TALK ABOUT ECONOMIC MATTERS OTHER THAN IN GENERAL TERMS, SINCE THEY ARE COVERED BY NESTERENKO, SOVIET MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION. EMBASSY MOSCOW HAS RECOMMENDED HOLDING SEPARATE TALKS WITH NESTERENKO ON ECONOMIC SUBJECT.

2. PER PARA 3 REF A, REQUEST BOEKER, DALE OR MYERSON TO MEET WITH NESTERENKO FOR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS OF MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES TO HELP US DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ENOUGH POTENTIAL SUBSTANCE TO WARRANT AN INVITATION FOR A NESTERENKO VISIT TO WASHINGTON AFTER UNCTAD IV.

3. YOUR TALKING POINTS (IN ADDITION TO ANY POINTS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE ON SPECIFIC UNCTAD PROBLEMS, PROCEDURAL OR SUBSTANTIVE OR ON OBVIOUS SOVIET EFFORTS TO CAST DOUBT ON SINCERITY OF OUR PROPOSALS THERE).

-- WE HAVE NOTED WITH INTEREST THE DESIRE EXPRESSED BY VARIOUS SOVIET OFFICIALS FOR A MORE ACTIVE SOVIET ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS;  
-- THE USSR, AS AN ADVANCED, DEVELOPED NATION, HAS A STAKE IN IMPROVING THE WORLD ECONOMY, AND FINDING CONSTRUCTIVE, NONCONFRONTATIONAL WAYS TO PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SECURITY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

--IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW AND THE ROBINSON/PATOLICHEV TALKS AT UNCTAD, WE WERE DISAPPOINTED IN THE NEGATIVE AND CONFRONTATIONAL TONE OF THE CRITICISMS OF U.S. UNCTAD PROPOSALS AS OUTLINED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, PARTICULARLY AS EXPRESSED IN A MAY 7 PRAVDA TASS ITEM (REF B) AND MORE GENERALLY IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE USSR FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY'S OFFICIAL PUBLICATION VNESHNAYA TORGOVLYA (REF C).

-- DESPITE OUR WELL KNOWN DIFFERENCES, WE BELIEVE THERE ARE MANY AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST IN THE UNITED NATIONS COMMUNITY WHERE WE CAN COOPERATE TO ADVANTAGE OF BOTH;

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-- FOR EXAMPLE, IN VIEW OF THE INTEREST WHICH BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE IN MORE ADEQUATE AND RELIABLE WORLD FOOD SUPPLIES, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN ANY FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO JOINING FAO TO PARTICIPATING ON THE GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM ON FOOD CROPS, OR SUBSCRIBING TO THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY.

-- AS MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS, WE SHARE A COMMON CONCERN REGARDING INEFFICIENCY AND DUPLICATION IN UN BODIES AND THE CONTINUING EXPANSION OF UN BUDGETS.

4. REQUEST A FULL REPORT ON YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH NESTERENKO OR HIS STAFF. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN YOUR JUDGMENT AS TO NESTERENKO'S INTEREST IN AN INVITATION TO WASHINGTON THIS SUMMER FOR A TOUR D'HORIZON ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AND ALSO AS TO THE UTILITY FOR US OF SUCH A VISIT. WE WILL WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER AN INVITATION TO HIM SHOULD BE HELD BACK PENDING SOME SIGN THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE WILLING TO PLAY A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. YOUR COMMENTS FOLLOWING YOUR DISCUSSIONS, WILL BE WELCOME.

5. IF NESTERENKO APPEARS TO PRESS FOR WASHINGTON VISIT, YOUR INITIAL REACTION COULD BE TO INDICATE THAT SOVIET POSTURE AT UNCTAD TOWARD OUR PROPOSALS MAY NOT BE THE MOST USEFUL BACKDROP FOR SUCH A VISIT AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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